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3. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Graduate Degree Programs

Master's Degree in International Security and Civil-Military Relations

This fifteen-month curriculum leads to the M.A. Degree in International Security and Civil-Military Relations at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California. The curriculum provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the real problems surrounding civilian oversight of a professional military in a democracy. In addition, the degree program is designed to provide graduates with the tools they need to initiate and teach civil-military relations programs in their own countries. The program is designed for military officers (O-3 to O-5) and equivalent civilian officials involved in defense policy-making. International students in this curriculum are fully integrated with U.S. students at the Naval Postgraduate School. The students are required to complete a thesis that deals with a significant civil-military issue for their country.

POC: Mr. Gary Roser in the [International Graduate Programs Office](#).

U.S. National Guard M.A. program at the Naval Postgraduate School

This program is designed to prepare and educate National Guard officers to shape the security environment. The program is intended to provide the National Guard with a pool of skilled leadership in managing international initiatives, peacekeeping missions, and defense planning. Students can complete their master's degree through a fully accredited one year in-residence program or through an eighteen month distance learning program. All students are required to complete a thesis. Distance learning students complete two quarters of course work in-residence at NPS, followed by three-quarters of web based distance learning coursework in their home state. The specialized curriculum focuses on topics crucial for the National Guard, such as homeland security, domestic responses to terrorism, peace operations, and congressional defense budgeting.

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Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP)

The LDESP seminar is a 6-day graduate education program for units deploying to Bosnia and Herzegovina that is preceded by a web-based preparation course and followed by continuing education opportunities. The LDESP curriculum focuses on answering four basic questions:

1. Based on past experience, how (in principle) can units be effective partners in support of civilian agencies responsible for implementing the remaining tasks required to build a self-sustaining peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina?
2. In practice, how can units take into account Bosnian historical, cultural, and political circumstances and leverage that knowledge into effective partnerships with civilian agencies responsible for advancing the abilities of the indigenous institutions, who must assume responsibility to provide stability and security in Bosnia and Herzegovina?
3. What are the specific agendas, activities, and operational styles of agencies, such as International Organizations, US Agencies, Troop Contributing Nations, and Non-Governmental Organizations operating in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with which US forces must coordinate?
4. How can such coordination best be accomplished to support the General Framework Accords for Peace (GFAP), commonly known as "The Dayton Accords" operating within the military mandates, utilizing the Military Decision Making Process, while conducting effective stability and support operations?

LDESP is structured to leverage lessons learned and is a key component for creating consistency, continuity, and institutional memory in an operational environment that "turns over" senior military decision makers every six months.

The LDESP syllabus conveys concepts and strategies that graduates need to make effective decisions in a rapidly changing, complex and ambiguous environment while considering the second and third order effects. Furthermore, our mission is to prepare senior leaders to deal effectively with challenges in country for which there are no clear-cut solutions. Our graduates learn how to think and act effectively in highly politicized situations that lack a pre-defined desirable outcome.

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See also: [LDESP](#) web page.